

Report from the

October 25th Meeting of the PVS Competition Scheduling Task Force

1. As decided at the September Competition Committee meeting, coaches were requested to respond to the presentation on setting the PVS schedule prior to the special November 8th meeting of the Competition Committee.
2. To assist in this process, the initial September Competition Committee Report was widely distributed through Flash Mail and posted to the website as part of the minutes of the September meeting.
3. In addition, to help with the process, a Survey was generated and made widely available through Flash mail, with copies also directly distributed to the coaches at all sites of the October Open.
4. Only a limited number of responses were received without recommending specific changes one way or another. **As addressed in the September Competition Committee Meeting**, the focus was also on the Short Course Schedule. Note: Separate consideration of the Long Course schedule can be considered at another time.
5. Though the volume of responses was less than desired, the consensus did stress that (First) PVS Championship meets and (Second) PVS Sponsored should be placed on the schedule prior to setting any other meets on the schedule.
6. The Task Force chose to respond to the information presented by submitting for consideration a **“Blank Slate”** schedule. Therefore, it decided first where to place the Championship Meets.. This would comply with making the first schedule decision to be where to put the PVS Championships Meets.
7. The conclusion of the Task Force was to then to propose placing the PVS Senior Championship Meet in the early December timeframe, keep the PVS 14 & Under Championships in the March timeframe, and add an additional PVS Championship in the same March Timeframe as Sectionals to serve those PVS athletes requiring a meet in that timeframe.
8. Given this proposed PVS SC Championship Meet schedule, it found no reason to change the current PVS Open & Distance Meet schedule.

9. The discussion at the November 8th meeting would then be based on the merits of the placement of the Championship Meets in a different position than on the current PVS Schedule.
10. The Task Force seeks wide publicity to get a broad participation of coaches at the November 8th meeting prior to a decision to change where and when the PVS Championship meets are located within the schedule.
11. The Task Force also concluded that the establishment of time standards and the supporting reasoning for the standards would be best served in a 'Phase Two': After the placement of the PVS Championships was finalized.
12. Please consider the following options before attending the November 8th Meeting.

Option ONE: Status Quo;

PVS Open and Distance meets: no change
All Current PVS SC Championship Meets in March

Option TWO: Move Senior Championship to December timeframe

PVS Open and Distance meets: no change
PVS 14 & Under Champs: no change
Add a new PVS Championship Meet to serve PVS athlete not covered by Sectionals (to be scheduled in same general timeframe as Sectionals with QT's NFT Sectionals. (NST OT's would be set to get desired meet size.)

13. The PVS Sponsored Meet 2005-06 SC Schedule needs to be set at this meeting to assure pool availability. The PVS Board will be meeting on November 10th to consider our recommendations.

Logic for the proposed changes will be discussed further on November 8th.

Reasons presented in favor of making a change.

- The Standard 10-14 week training cycle supported: the PVS Senior Championship meet set up to serve PVS athletes.
- Avoid conflict with High School Championship Meets
- Avoid conflict with focus on Sectionals
- Allow all 13-Over swimmer the opportunity to train into the same weekend periods (Offer a PVS Championship meet the same weekend as Sectionals)
- Allow the PVS Senior champs to be a Championships meet, versus a qualifier for sectionals
- Allows a team to offer a Sectional qualifier in March, for those who need it.

- Unclutters an over cluttered February-March timeframe (for swimmers, coaches, and officials)
- Allows a PVS Championship cycle in both December and March, to allow training cycles to be more under coach's control by offering options.
- There are three weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas for club to also host their own meets to serve their interests.
- Many LSCs are moving their senior champs to avoid conflicts with sectionals
- USA Swimming only requires an LSC to host SC and LC Senior Championships; there is no requirement on when it is held

Reasons presented in favor of the 'Status Quo':

- Club sponsored meets provide 4 opportunities for seniors to swim in December
- A PVS Senior Championship Meet in December will impact the Club Sponsored meets that currently happen.
- PVS should provide a culminating meet in March for Senior Swimmers
- A PVS Senior Champs in December places the meet within the High School season
- PVS has recently avoided losing money by getting out of running too many meets
- Whenever possible, club sponsored meets should be utilized in preference to PVS sponsored meets.

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